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1. All efforts of SHEVEL, SKABA and Co to "finish off" HONCHAR Oles' failed. HONCHAR did not give in and actually came out victorious. His prestige increased among his colleagues and in population in general. SHELEST himself was the one who supported HONCHAR. The real cause for the attacks against HONCHAR was his signing the protest of the 126.

2. The situation in Kiev and Lvov is very tense in connection with the events in CSSR. Some people are afraid that it might have negative repercussions for ^{individuals} ~~people~~ like Svitlychny and his friends. So far, however, they are left unbothered on vacations. Svitlychny went to Carpathian Mountains (on 6 July) and plans to return early August.

3. Zina Franko was to have a trial of her peers early July. She is being accused of her involvement into smuggling of Zakhalayna literature to CSSR, and of signing the protest of the 126. She was told that her son won't be admitted to the University.

4. SHVETS' Ivan, Rector of Kiev University has been removed from his post for alleged "support" of people who have signed the protest.

5. Mylhailyna KOTSIUBYNSKA lost her job and went ~~mid~~ early July on vacation to Chernivtsi. Nadiyka SVITLYCHNY, sister of Ivan, remains also jobless.

6. Zina FRANKO complained to the Visitors from Canada who saw her in June 1968 that Hanna KLUCHKO'S behaviour in Kiev last year was quite embarrassing for her because KLUCHKO was too friendly with people like TRONKO and alike.

7. KOROTYCH returned early July from Varna, Bulgaria where he was on vacations with his wife. NEKRASSOV is godfather of Korotych's son. DZIUBA continues to visit KOROTYCH and they seem to be on quite friendly terms. After Varna, Korotych visited in the meantime for a few days Hamburg in West Germany.

8. DRACH Iva, went on vacation to TBILISI, His latest film Kamyannyi Khrest was very successful despite severe criticism of SMOLYCH, LEVCHUK and ~~etc~~ alike. Even BAZHAN praised it.

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9. Early spring 1968 SVITLYCHNY, SVERSTIUK, KOSTENKO and others initiated writer's soirees at the Teacher's House and similar places in K^{iev} at which young people were gathering to listen^{to} and discuss various literary and cultural problems. This new forum served the same purpose as former Suchasnik disbanded in 1964. So far they had organized very successful soirees devoted to Shevchenko and Lesia Ukrainka. Recently they were planning a soiree devoted to Nechay-Levytsky but suddenly there appeared some "unexplained" obstacles. It turned out the "authorities" got interested in these soirees and were trying to prevent them.

10. At the Whitsun celebrations in Lvov in 1968 there took place a demonstration at Yanivsky Cemetery. Several thousand people, mostly youth, gathered at Gen. Tarnavsky's Grave, laid wreaths, and sang patriotic songs. Militia watched it but only after the people began to move, some individuals were picked up by militia and brought for interrogation. Militia wanted to know who were the initiators of the demonstration.

11. According to a Source from Lvov visiting now her relatives in Montreal, during the students' demonstration in Lvov in the evening of 31 Dec 1967 at which carols and Ukrainian patriotic songs were sung, militia was very rough and beat up the students. People were talking that next morning "there was still blood on the pavement".

12. According to O.Z. of Prague, CSSR, in May/June 1968 there were some arrests ~~among~~ in Kiev and Lvov among those who signed the protest of the 126.

13. CHOP turns out to be the worst custom control point. They concentrate on bags, books, notebooks, and any piece of paper in general.

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